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HR 98
Requesting the Development and Implementation
of an Energy Conservation Plan for All State Facilities

HR 99
Requesting a Report on the Progress
of the Energy Savings Program in State Buildings

House Committee on
Energy
Public Hearing - 20 March 1980

HR 98 & HR 99 requests the development of an energy conservation plan for state facilities and a progress report on the Energy Savings Program. The same requests are made in SB 23 and SB 25. The attached Environmental Center statement (RL:0375) on these provisions in the Senate Resolutions pertains to HR 98 and HR 99 as well. We hope you will take our comments into consideration in reviewing the resolutions.



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SR 23
REQUESTING DEVELOPMENT OF
ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN

SR 25
REQUESTING A REPORT ON
THE ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM

Senate Committees on
Economic Development, Energy and Natural Resources
Government, Operations and Efficiency
Hearing - 7 February 1980

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SR 23 and SR 25 reflect concerns with conservation in the design and use of State facilities. This statement on the resolutions does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

Needs for planning and using facilities so as to minimize energy consumption are now widely recognized. It is appropriate that the State government serve as a model with respect to energy conservation by these means. Both of the resolutions here reviewed reflect concerns with the governmental role. SR 23 calls for the development of an explicit plan for such conservation; SR 25 for the report on whatever program for energy conservation now exists.

Review of the State's role is quite appropriate. The intent of the two resolutions could easily be combined by a request for a report on present energy conservation practices by the State and for the development of an explicit plan for the improvement of such practices.